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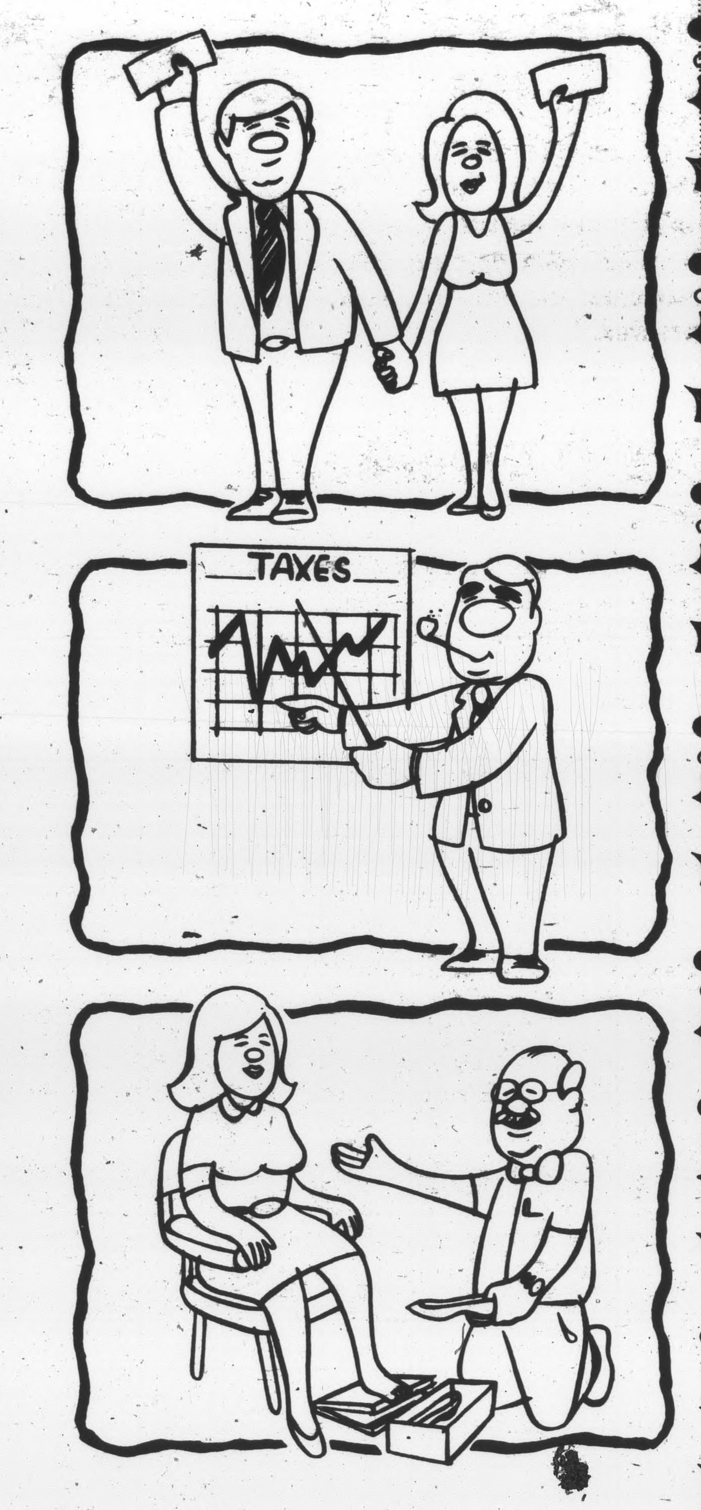

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Safety concerns aired: school-bus laws noted

By Frances Paulette

There is growing concern in Appomattox County about the failure of motorists to stop for a school bus that is in the process of loading or unloading students. On some occasions, a motorist will stop briefly and then pass the bus before the loading or discharging process is completed.

William C. Perrow, who is beginning his third year as Supervisor of Transportation for the Appomattox County School Division says, "While there hae been no fatalities since I have taken over the job, there have been 'near misses' and that is cause for alarm."

Appomattox County School Division has 44 regular buses that travel a total of one-half million miles during the year with 350,000 of those miles when the bus is transporting students to and from school.

"I feel we have exceptionally good bus drivers in Appomattox County," commented Perrow. "They're dedicated to their work and to keeping the safety of the children uppermost in their minds."

"But," he added, "no matter how carefully our drivers operate the buses, one careless motorist who fails to obey the law can cause an accident and we don't want that to happen."

All buses are equipped with red flashing lights at the top of the bus and buses made in 1976 and in the years following that also have a sidearm stop sign on the left side. All this is to remind the motorist that the bus is stopping to load or to discharge children.

"Our buses are on the road from about 7 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. and follow a regular route. So, if the motorist will become familiar with the stops in their given area, he or she could plan to travel in order to miss having to follow a bus," said Perrow.

"Those drivers who do pass a stopped bus are reported to the State Police for investigation and charges if necessary," he added.

When a motorist passes a stopped bus which is loading or discharging children he or she is violation of State Law 46.1-190:

"A person shall be guilty of reckless driving who shall: Fail to stop, when approaching from any direction, a school bus, whether publicly or privately owned, which is stopped on any highway or school driveway for the purpose of taking on or discharging children, elderly, mentally or physically handicapped persons, and to remain stopped until all children, elderly, mentally or physically handicapped persons, are clear of the highway or school driveway and the bus is put in motion, except the driver of a vehicle upon a dual highway, when the roadways are separated by a physical barrier or barriers or an unpaved area, need not stop upon approaching a school bus which is on a roadway so separated from the one on which he is driving or an adjoining service road so separated."

Your right and responsibility as an operator of a motor vehicle dictates that you obey the law for the safety of all concerned.

"We don't want to make trouble for any motorist," said Perrow, "but we want to do everything possible to keep our children safe."

JENNIFER INGE AND PHIL AGEE, business manager and editor-in-chief of this year's Appomattox County High School newspaper, the Raider Report, review a recent issue of the paper with Edwina Covington, journalism advisor. The 1981-82 Raider Report won second-place honors in a recent Virginia High School League competition for school newspapers across the Old Dominion. The Raider Report, which was edited last year by Jane Guill, received 840 out of a possible 1,000 points when three consecutive editions of the paper were judged at the University of Virginia. See story, page 10 inside. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Tobacco program is outlined

North Carolina State University has announced a $250,000 grant from Philip Morris USA, Richmond, to conduct a two-year program to develop leadership potential among tobacco growers of the five major flue-cured tobacco producing states.

Virginia tobacco growers are invited to apply for three of the 25 openings for participants, said Virginia Tech agricultural economist Paxton Marshall.

The program which will begin in February will include a trip for participants to Brazil in 1984 to observe the situation of a major competitor in the international tobacco market, Marshall said.

The Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Program will consist of 33 days of formal seminar instruction with selected field trip experiences in Brazil, Washington, D.C., Richmond, and several North Carolina locations.

Participants are expected to increase knowledge of production, social, economic, and political porcesses related to tobacco.

Each participant will receive a fellowship to cover costs including travel, food, lodging, supplies and instructional costs. Participants will be expected to pay $500 registration fee.

To be eligible to participate, farmers must be active flue-cured tobacco growers between 25 and 45 years of age. Applications are available from the Appomattox County Extension Office. They must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by Decemb[illegible], 1982.

John Caldwell dies

John Curtis Caldwell, Sr., 78, well-known businessman and long time public servant died Saturday night, November 27 at his residence on Church Street following a long illness.

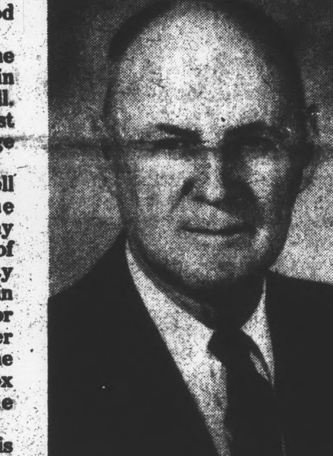
He is survived by his wife, Vivian Wooldridge Caldwell. His first wife was the late Bessie Harwood Caldwell.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Benjamin Caldwell and Sarah Taylor Caldwell. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and he attended the College of William and Mary.

Active in civic affairs, Caldwell served as a member of the Appomattox Town Council for many years and was Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County from 1960 until his retirement in 1977. A farmer and businessman for most of his life, he was the former owner of the Lee Theater, the Coswell Drive-In and the Green Sox baseball team of the Skyline League.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, John C. Caldwell, Jr. (Jack) of Appomattox and William Harwood Caldwell (Bill) of Richmond and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Chruch with burial in the Liberty Cemetery.



John C. Caldwell, Sr.

Article brings happy response

In the Nov. 18 issue of **The Times-Virginian**, Charles A. Padgett of Rt. 1, Concord, appealed to readers to help in obtaining a cycle chair for his son, Timothy O. Padgett, 16, born with Spina Bifida (open spine). Tim, who attended Appomattox County Schools until grade 9, has undergone surgery a total of 21 times.

"I can hardly believe the response," said Mr. Padgett this week. "The money has come in from everywhere. Even a woman from Richmond, a former resident of Appomattox who takes the paper, sent a donation. I have enough for the chair. I don't have the words to express our appreciation for the help people have given. The new chair will get here just in time to make Christmas special for Tim."

The chair, which is battery operated, sells for $1,100, but the factory is giving Padgett a special price of $900.00.

The fact that Tim is paralyzed from his waist down does not keep the young man from one of his favorite pasttimes . . . hunting. Even though he has to shoot from a sitting position, he goes hunting every time someone will help him.

"I took Tim hunting last week," said Padgett, "and as I was pushing him to the deer stand, one of the wheels on his old wheel chair collapsed. The new one will really be nice."

This Saturday

'Santa's breakfast' set

The Appomattox County High School cafeteria will be the decorative setting for this year's holiday "Breakfast with Santa".

This festive event, sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Admission will be $2.00 per person.

Santa, along with Mrs. Claus and some of his helpers, will be on hand to enjoy breakfast with children and their parents. The breakfast menu will include bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuit with butter and jelly, juice and choice of milk or coffee. Free favors will be presented to each child.

Professional photographer, Allen Austin, will be present to take pictures of children with Santa for a small additional fee.

Parents are encouraged to buy tickets in advance to avoid waiting in a long line on possibly a very cold morning.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the following locations - Appomattox Drug Store, American Federal Savings & Loan, Farmer's National Bank (Downtown Branch), the **Times-Virginian** news office, or from any Junior Woman's Club member.

Rabies reminder

Dr. William Burger of the Appomattox Animal Hospital reminds cat and dog owners of the Rabies Clinic to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 3 until 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Animal Hospital.

This Friday

Firemen to be honored

Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle and Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, Franklin Vaughan have proclaimed Friday, Dec. 3 as Appreciation Day for the Appomattox Volunteer Firemen.

Moses Motor Co. is having a "Firemen's Bonanza".

As part of the activities, Triangle Auction Co. will hold an auction on Moses lot.

There will be food for sale including home cooked beans and hot dogs.

All food and services will be donated by Top Treat, Dinner Bell Meat Products, Wilbun's Supermarket, Coca Cola Bottling Co. and Garris Upholstry.

All proceeds from registration fees and food sales will benefit the firemen, providing a Christmas bonus as a means of showing appreciation for a job well done.

Lions meet tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 2 at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

The Appomattox County High School football team and coaches will be guests of the club.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Tom Sherman, Offensive Coordinator for the University of Virginia.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

According to figures recently released, the Town of Appomattox has gone eight years without an automobile death, as of the end of 1981. That is a record worth keeping intact. Appomattox County listed four highway deaths in '81, up from three in '80.

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Thanks to Mrs. Rachel Lawson for sending me some old documents pertaining to the Woman's Suffrage Movement, involving a woman's march on the U.S. Senate Monday, December 16, 1918. The ladies wanted and eventually got the right to vote.

From U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. comes the final copy of his timely news letter, Vo. 16 No. 2 Senator Byrd is retiring at the end of his present term. He succeeded his late father as Senator, the two Byrds serving for fifty years. Will miss his "Reports" as they were well prepared and interesting.

Skating is popular both in Appomattox and the surrounding area. Had some friends visiting recently who had driven some thirty miles so one of their group could visit Skateworld.

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Many look upon Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York as the start of the Christmas Season. This year I watched all three hours of it. School bands from all over the nation participated and made us proud. How about the entry from Missouri, The Kick-a-poo High School Band!

Off to a patriotic start this week. Early Monday morning a flash of white went by the living room window and it was a couple of sparrows with a lot of white feathers. Looked like had forgotten to remove their pajamas. They were eating breakfast of small bird seed, when were joined by three Red Cardinals. And in a nearby tree watching the proceedings was a large Blue Jay, completing the red, white and blue picture.

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Note pad item: Thanks for a jar of pear preserves. A ride around Rustburg showed an amazing growth in that area. Appomattox is not the only "growing town" and we are proud to see villages become towns and towns become cities.

When I read a paper I do not leave out the ads. How about an ad in the Richmond morning newspaper from the "This End Up Furniture Company".

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With no lawnmowing to do have been reading more than usual. A friend gave me a copy of "A Few Minutes With Andy Rooney." Rooney's newspaper column is widely read and he stars on a top TV program. And at the far end of reading material, rereading my own copy of "The Hisotry of Florence" (Italy) by Niccolo Machiavelli.

This Saturday, Army-Navy Football game.

Count'em. Feed yourself or your car - which are there; more restaurants or gas stations? Nationally, more restaurants. So says Rooney. Locally, about even.

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Thanks for reading. Seeya around.

IN KEEPING WITH THIS FRIDAY'S HONORING of volunteer firemen in Appomattox County, the Regional Arson Investigation van will be at Moses Motor Company during the planned festivities, for the citizens of Appomattox to view. Also, there will be literature available concerning the crime of arson and fire prevention.

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